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Mr. Paul E. Stenbjorn
Acting Executive Director
District of Columbia Board of Elections
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Dear Mr. Stenbjorn:

This is in response to your letter of July 29, 2011, in which you informed the District of Columbia Democratic State Committee ("State Committee") that pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-1001.10(a)(1), as amended by the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics Primary Date Alteration Amendment Act of 2011 (D.C. Law No. 19-7) (effective June 16, 2011), the State Committee may only request the election of its national, alternate, at-large, and ward committeeman and committeewoman on April 3, 2012, because that is the date on which the District of Columbia will conduct the partisan primary elections for District and federal offices. You conclude by inviting the State Committee to submit its plan for the election of party officers on that date.

In consultations with the Democratic National Committee, the State Committee now plans to elect its party officers through a State Convention in order to bring its elections and procedures more in conformity with that of the other states of these United States. Further, this will allow the State Committee to avoid having its election of party officers in the middle of the delegate selection process for the 2012 Democratic National Convention. No other state has its election of party officers during the delegate selection process for the obvious reasons to avoid the potential disruption to that process which an election could have.


Accordingly, the State Committee will not have a selection of party officers on April 3, 2012 through an election conducted by the Board of Elections and Ethics. We would therefore request that any reference to such an election be deleted from the Board of Elections and Ethics website and other publications. We wish to thank you very much for your kind advice on this matter.

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Cc: Anita Bonds

Sincerely,

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Donald R. Dinan
General Counsel
D.C. Democratic State Committee